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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL A, US CANDIDATES WALSH AND NEE NOMINATED BY MISSION FOR DR SACK'S POSITION. WALSH RESUME HAS BEEN AMENDED. WHO WILLING WAIT FOR NEE'S PHF.

2. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WHO GIVES POSITION, DATE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS MAY BE EXTENDED, AT LEAST WHO ASSURES MISSION LATER APPLICATIONS IN NOVEMBER WILL BE ACCEPTED.

3. MISSION HAS EMPHASIZED TO WHO SECRETARIAT INTEREST OF USG IN POSITION BEING FILLED BY QUALIFIED AMERICAN, SUCH AS WALSH OR NEE, BUT BELIEVES, BASED ON NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS IN WHO, THAT POSITION WILL BE FILLED INTERNALLY.

4. LEADING CANDIDATES WITHIN WHO ARE 1) MR PAUL LAWTON, UK, P-5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN GENEVA UNDER DR MOCHI; 2) DR CHARLES ROSS-SMITH, AUSTRALIA, P-6 ONE OF FOUR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN MANILA REGIONAL OFFICE; 3) DR G. MEILLAND, SWITZERLAND, P-5, CURRENTLY IN DR SACK'S OFFICE OF COORDINATION, REPORTEDLY WEAKEST OF THE CONTENDERS. MR LAWTON IS KNOWN TO MISSION AND IS CONSIDERED STRONG CANDIDATE BY WHO.

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5. MR ANTHONY PIEL, OUTSTANDING P-5 AMERICAN IN GENEVA AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICER WORKING ACROSS BOARD WITH ADG FURTH, DDG LAMBO AND DG MAHLER HIMSELF, NO LONGER IN RUNNING, HAVING BEEN PERSUADED PERSONALLY BY BY DG MAHLER AND ADG FURTH NOT TO ENTER COMPETITION BUT TO WAIT EVEN BIGGER POSITION DURING NEXT 2-3 YEARS.

6. IN CANDOR, MISSION BELIEVES POSITION WILL GO EITHER TO ROSS-SMITH OR LAWTON. MR. NEE CONSIDERED WELL QUALIFIED BUT COULD BE RULED OUT FOR NOT HAVING FSO GRADE COMMENSURATE WITH P-5/P-6 LEVEL. MR. WALSH, ACCORDING TO WHO SECRETARIAT, ALSO WELL QUALIFIED BUT MAY BE TURNED DOWN FOR HAVING ACQUIRED UN AND WHO EXPERIENCE RELATIVELY RECENTLY.

7. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO DO BATTLE FOR NEE AND WALSH, PLUS OTHER SUITABLY QUALIFIED AMERICANS (ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTABLE DURING NEXT 1-2 WEEKS), MISSION SUGGESTS DIRECT INTERVENTION AT WASHINGTON LEVEL; FOR EXAMPLE, PHONE CALL BY DR PAUL EHRLICH, DHEW, TO DG MAHLER, IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS WITH MAHLER DURING RECENT WHA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY COOPER, DR EHRLICH AND HEALTH ATTACHE BINDA ON SUBJECT OF AMERICANS IN WHO. OTHERWISE, VACANCY MOST LIKELY TO BE FILLED INTERNALLY.
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